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# **Program and Policy Subcommittee Meeting Summary Report**

## June 21, 2018

#### **SUMMARY**

Board Members Dolly Sandoval and Leo Winternitz were present and Richard Reed and Doug Brown indicated that they were representing Board Member Provenza. Liaison Advisor Erik Vink attended. Also attending was Nicole Rinke with the Attorney General's office representing the Conservancy, Kate Anderson and Ron Melcer from the Delta Stewardship Council, Justin Frederickson with the California Farm Bureau, and Campbell Ingram, Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon, Thomas Jabusch, Aaron Haiman and Brian Keegan of the Conservancy staff.

To accommodate Program and Policy Subcommittee (PPS) Chair Sandoval's schedule, this meeting was moved to Thursday, June 21, 2018. Moving forward the meeting will return to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of off-months of Board meetings, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

#### Program and Policy Subcommittee Membership and Procedures

The group discussed the history and membership of the PPS and concerns that participation by more than five Board members would constitute an un-noticed meeting of the Board. The group discussed alternatives of keeping the PPS membership informal or further defining membership to allow voting if necessary in the future. The group agreed to further discuss the topic at the August PPS meeting and bring a recommendation to the full Board at some point in the future.

### Establishment of an Agricultural Advisory Group

Staff provided an overview of recent promising efforts to establish an agricultural advisory group that included reaching out to several Delta farmers and exploring their interest in advising the Conservancy. Staff shared the names of the individuals contacted and welcomed suggestions for additional potential participants that should be contacted. A first meeting of the group was scheduled for Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in Walnut Grove, and Staff will report on the meeting at the August PPS meeting.

#### Land Ownership

Staff provided an overview of land ownership considerations and challenges. The group suggested the Conservancy develop an information paper that describes the Conservancy's authority to hold title and easements, current and future needs and goals for Conservancy land ownership, and resource

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requirements to be an effective land owner/manager. Staff will draft and provide an annotated outline of an information paper for discussion at the August PPS meeting.

# **Budget and Expenditure Reporting**

Staff shared a draft streamlined budget report that is expected to result from future integration with the Fi\$Cal system and provide an appropriate level of budget information to the Board. The group requested that Staff provide a mockup of the expected new report and our standard report for comparison at the July Board meeting.

### **Proposition 68**

Staff provided an update on Conservancy expectations for implementation of Proposition 68. The Conservancy received \$12 million from the Bond and intends to hire authorized staff to develop grant guidelines and implement the program as soon as possible. The program will focus on Delta as Place investments consistent with the Conservancy's authorizing legislation and Bond requirements. Grant guidelines will follow established procedures for the Proposition 1 program and development of them will begin as soon as staff are hired.

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